

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: FAST, BLIND EQUALIZATION  
TECHNIQUES USING RELIABLE  
SYMBOLS

Examiner: Not assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph 1 as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: ~~U.S. Patent Application No. 09/836,281, filed April 18, 2001, WIPO 0/02634, filed July 10, 2000 and which benefits from the priority of UK application 16938.3, also filed July 10, 2000, and WIPO 00/02648, filed July 10, 2000 (which benefits from the priority of UK application 9926167.4, filed November 4, 1999), the disclosures of which is/are~~ incorporated herein by reference. Certain claims may benefit from the priority of these applications.